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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstituted for estimating data on shipments valued \$251-\$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued \$100-\$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)									
	Total		North America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.....	82,289	(X)	18,204	37,955	12,022	1,710	579,845	(X)	63,686	46,508	308,867	120,785	14,799	14,230	
U.S. flag carriers.....	26,795	(X)	6,763	10,654	5,263	293	177,825	26,879	12,248	77,397	49,075	4,229	3,362		
Boston, Mass.....	2,273	1,072	318	1,910	20	14	11	38,350	7,698	978	16,512	194	277		
Bridgport, Conn.....	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	-		
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	279	271	279	-	(Z)	-	2,105	2,087	2,104	-	-	-	-		
Buffalo, N.Y.....	34,485	10,171	2,188	23,881	4,721	149	290,085	76,484	11,527	17,578	206,714	42,348	3,032	8,866	
New York City, N.Y.....	575	270	41	(Z)	387	132	(Z)	1,605	489	(Z)	2,454	1,083	1	99	
Philadelphia, Pa.....	35	35	33	-	2	(Z)	-	96	96	63	-	6	-		
Baltimore, Md.....	35	35	33	-	2	(Z)	-	96	96	63	-	6	-		
Wilmington, N.C.....	82	82	2	48	16	11	3	463	463	1	15	149	173	124	
Charleston, S.C.....	166	161	25	138	6	3	665	459	96	-	386	-	-	183	
Savannah, Ga.....	21	(Z)	21	(Z)	-	-	137	113	1	3	-	-	-		
Tampa, Fla.....	398	93	376	22	-	-	1,125	424	1,287	138	-	113	-		
Mobile, Ala.....	187	109	168	1	6	-	686	480	628	30	25	3	-		
San Antonio, Tex.....	81	81	80	1	-	-	400	400	398	-	-	-	-		
El Paso, Tex.....	9	3	9	-	-	-	52	10	52	-	-	-	-		
Nogales, Ariz.....	4,474	1,546	587	1,328	2,166	215	48	65,272	14,640	5,770	16,905	34,230	2,890	1,206	
Los Angeles, Calif.....	2,548	1,310	81	53	337	1,629	440	36,672	17,405	801	494	3,052	26,211	6,029	
San Francisco, Calif.....	50	50	5	45	(Z)	-	-	974	35	494	926	12	84		
Portland, Ore.....	514	310	93	181	226	(Z)	12	7,166	3,877	928	7	2,764	2,957	2	
Seattle, Wash.....	14	10	8	1	6	-	-	160	16	15	37	107	-		
Anchorage, Alaska.....	224	172	24	1	162	38	-	864	421	37	24	445	358		
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	95	95	95	-	-	-	-	1,281	1,281	37	-	-	-		
Great Falls, Mont.....	113	113	53	13	47	-	20	2,382	2,382	308	-	-	-		
Pembina, N. Dak.....	113	113	53	13	47	-	20	2,382	2,382	308	-	-	-		
Minneapolis, Minn.....	1,131	972	144	45	611	16	4	5,522	4,801	1,015	58	187	1,855	33	
Detroit, Mich.....	6,104	2,752	1,242	4	3,835	882	1	41,744	16,468	7,393	75	26,991	6,392	6	
Cleveland, Ohio.....	384	198	201	47	134	1	(Z)	1,584	519	1	416	304	1		
St. Louis, Mo.....	30	30	4	26	1	-	(Z)	503	503	17	472	7	-		
St. Louis, Mo.....	759	436	674	70	15	(Z)	-	2,148	889	1,034	519	544	20	31	
San Juan, P.R.....	12,450	5,213	9,991	6,072	367	4	1	41,294	13,860	23,270	4,063	63	2	15	
Miami, Fla.....	958	511	370	119	189	150	33	5,623	2,799	1,525	165	1,259	1,045	51	
Houston, Tex.....	793	214	1	74	627	90	(Z)	12,968	559	4	616	14,178	132	1	
Washington, D.C.....	161	38	127	18	10	-	-	3,107	281	2,949	19	116	-	23	
All other districts.....	12,001	(NA)	4,965	1,074	3,637	1,803	370	23,501	(NA)	8,056	1,950	889	1,231	989	
Shipments under \$251....	872	454	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10,970	4,636	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	

- Represents zero.

than 500 pounds or \$500.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

NA Not available.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)											
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							
Total, all carriers...	81,503	(X)	8,913	7,355	43,675	20,927	309	294	383,842	(X)	30,584	12,915	218,579	96,693	1,961	3,051	
U.S. flag carriers...	(X)	(X)							(X)								
Boston, Mass.....	2,899	1,271	92	10	2,691	96	188	93	11	12,626	5,392	543	37	89,727	55,340	974	1,342
Bridgeport, Conn.....	88	38	(Z)	1	62	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	5	59	5	7	—	42	9	(Z)	51
Buffalo, N.Y.....	125	105	101	19	19	5	5	1	1,499	1,359	1,289	59	—	284	6	—	—
New York City, N.Y.....	39,023	16,372	1,040	2,268	29,884	5,614	49	168	192,520	78,368	5,618	7,918	151,014	25,797	294	1,679	
Philadelphia, Pa.....	748	454	25	(Z)	571	147	(Z)	4	4,839	2,658	75	2	4,000	425	4	332	
Baltimore, Md.....	250	120	14	1	132	94	(Z)	9	1,223	385	30	—	907	204	2	81	
Wilmington, N.C.....	97	96	(Z)	1	97	(Z)	(Z)	1	1,139	1,122	4	2	—	1	1	—	—
Charleston, S.C.....	141	90	60	2	79	1	1	—	1,573	1,465	675	31	668	—	—	—	—
Savannah, Ga.....	8	1	2	6	1	—	—	—	47	10	13	5	28	—	—	—	—
Tempe, Fla.....	3	1	—	—	3	(Z)	(Z)	—	6	3	—	2	6	(Z)	—	—	—
Mobile, Ala.....	246	70	243	(Z)	3	(Z)	(Z)	—	222	168	215	—	10	—	—	—	—
New Orleans, La.....	125	113	124	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	481	472	458	4	17	—	2	2	—
El Paso, Tex.....	9	7	8	(Z)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nogales, Ariz.....	6	1	3	—	1	2	1	—	150	7	134	—	6	9	—	—	—
Los Angeles, Calif.....	7,093	3,333	297	83	1,025	5,923	53	12	40,090	17,294	2,897	409	8,164	27,624	857	138	
San Francisco, Calif.....	5,339	3,990	47	8	250	4,988	45	1	32,778	23,412	491	76	2,211	29,397	500	42	
San Diego, Calif.....	1,087	962	53	110	904	(Z)	(Z)	1	5,474	3,726	1,624	9	713	3,133	4	—	
Seattle, Wash.....	137	64	1	1	63	72	—	—	489	170	2	—	303	185	—	—	
Anchorage, Alaska.....	450	227	34	16	394	6	6	—	2,302	988	36	—	292	1,896	78	—	
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	—	114	102	114	—	1	—	—	—	
Great Falls, Mont.....	32	11	32	1	1	—	—	—	1,482	936	145	3	1,011	323	—	—	
Minneapolis, Minn.....	295	139	15	(Z)	181	99	1	6	3,491	2,585	570	—	2,732	97	18	44	
Detroit, Mich.....	939	703	160	29	744	29	1	39	29,336	16,300	3,765	32	21,202	3,699	42	597	
Chicago, Ill.....	4,144	2,039	224	9	3,054	817	1	39	499	54	146	—	332	—	—	—	
Cleveland, Ohio.....	85	13	21	1	64	(Z)	(Z)	1	1,992	997	727	4	865	42	—	—	
St. Louis, Mo.....	28	25	1	353	146	8	1	2	14,772	8,820	8,780	3,075	2,017	206	8	3	
San Juan, P.R.....	1,785	431	1,277	4,333	299	130	1	2	2,474	293	251	35	1,195	970	1	1	
Miami, Fla.....	8,609	4,599	3,845	4,333	299	130	1	2	5,015	2,693	68	1	2,496	10	—	10	
Houston, Tex.....	218	74	67	1	120	27	1	1	116	116	54	1	94	9	51	47	
Washington, D.C.....	600	563	2	(Z)	592	6	1	1	170	170	125	330	4,115	2,257	51	47	
All other districts....	179	130	45	(Z)	16	5	113	39	8,120	(NA)	1,275	330	1	1	1	1	
Shipments under \$251....	6,493	(NA)	1,046	282	3,375	1,850	412	39	8,125	(NA)	1,275	330	1	1	1	1	

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